

A request for a 3-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee of \$475.00. This 3-month extension will bring the due date to August 5, 1998, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Arnold, White & Durkee Deposit Account No. 01-2508/UTSB:610/BOW.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

I. AMENDMENT

Please make the following amendments:

In the Claims

7. ~~(Amended)~~ The cathode material of claim [5] 6, where M is selected from the group consisting of Fe, V, Mn, and Ti.

12. ~~(Amended)~~ The cathode material of claim [7] 38, having the formula $\text{Li}_x\text{TiNb}(\text{PO}_4)_3$, where $0 \leq x \leq 2$.

13. ~~(Amended)~~ The cathode material of claim [7] 38, having the formula $\text{Li}_{1+x}\text{FeNb}(\text{PO}_4)_3$, where $0 \leq x \leq 2$.

32. (Amended) The battery of claim [28] 39, wherein the cathode material has the formula $\text{Li}_x\text{TiNb}(\text{PO}_4)_3$, where $0 \leq x \leq 2$.

33. (Amended) The battery of claim [28] 39, wherein the cathode material has the formula $\text{Li}_{1+x}\text{FeNb}(\text{PO}_4)_3$, $0 \leq x \leq 2$.

Please add the following claims:

--38. A cathode material for a rechargeable electrochemical cell, said cell also comprising an anode and an electrolyte, the cathode material comprising a rhombohedral NASICON material having the formula $\text{Y}_x\text{M}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3$, where M is at least one transition-metal cation and $0 \leq x \leq 5$ and Y is Li or Na.

39. A secondary battery comprising an anode, a cathode and an electrolyte, said cathode comprising a rhombohedral NASICON material having the formula $\text{Y}_x\text{M}_2(\text{PO}_4)_3$, where M is at least one transition-metal cation and $0 \leq x \leq 5$ and Y is Li or Na, other than $\text{Li}_{2+x}\text{FeTi}(\text{PO}_4)_3$.